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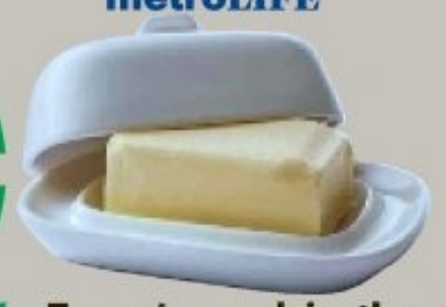

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City's open data something of a closed book

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Advocate says Tory is failing to keep promise to free up info

David Hains
Metro | Toronto

Mark Richardson is frustrated with city hall.

The open-data advocate wants to analyze more of the city's information — available parking spots, parks-and-recreation sign-up info — but the city hasn't moved on it.

"There's a lot of concern about the risk of doing something but not enough about the risk of doing nothing," Richardson said.

When John Tory campaigned for mayor, the city had 175 open data sets, and he promised to double the number every year for 10 years, Richardson points out. That means the city should have had 800 by the end of 2016 and should have 1,600 by the end of 2017. But there's only 237 sets available right now.

That pales in comparison to other major North American cities: New York has more than 1,500 open data sets, Los Angeles has 1,567 and Chicago has 1,136.

For Richardson and civic tech activists like him, access to quality data matters. It's what enables private citizens and companies to develop apps that tell TTC riders when the next bus will arrive.

"A lot of people would say their experience of transit is better because of open data," said Richardson.

Siri Agrell, director of strategic initiatives for the mayor, agrees there's a lot of value to open data and that Toronto has lagged behind. But she says the main focus right now is establishing data standards for various city divisions, and that will set the stage for future releases.

An open-data master plan will be delivered in September, and Agrell expects the release of data to accelerate quickly after that.

"We do have to change," she said of city hall's approach. "I think we're getting there."

Projects in other cities have already borne fruit. In New York, open data was used to identify buildings at most risk of fire and which restaurants were dumping grease down the drain, causing costly "greasebergs."

Upon hearing Richardson's appeal to the city last week, Coun. Paul Ainslie moved a motion to request some of the open-data sets highlighted. But his motion was deferred until October.

"I don't think we're moving fast enough," said Ainslie.

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Hot step it to these Docs

Human rights abuses, environmental degradation, political corruption, family tragedies — serious subjects often occupy the foreground at Hot Docs. Yet moviegoers need not fear that every viewing experience in the fest's 12-day deluge of non-fiction filmmaking will be so heavy. Here are 8 potential crowdpleasers that will go easy on your brain.

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Pecking Order

Feathers most definitely get ruffled in this New Zealander entry about a very colourful group of fowl enthusiasts and chicken breeders in Christchurch whose internecine battles play havoc with their shared drive to conquer at the National Poultry Show. It plays like a Christopher Guest mockumentary with real Kiwis.

Rebels on Pointe

Rebels on Pointe celebrates the people under the tutus in Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, New York's long-running all-male comic ballet company. Despite the dancers' eagerness to spoof ballet conventions, their love of dance shines through in every moment.

Donkeyote

Though some viewers may opt for Hot Docs' other donkey movie — Do Donkeys Act? — patrons of this British film will learn the epic tale of a 76-year-old Spaniard who's determined to fulfil his lifelong dream of walking the 2,200-mile Trail of Tears alongside his faithful companion Gorrion who, being a donkey, has to go along with the cockamamie plan.

Ask the Sexpert

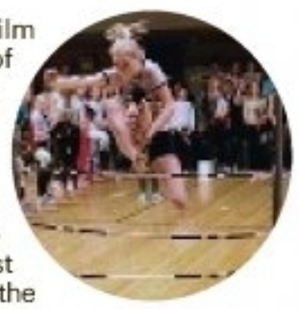
Do you like dirty talk? How about when it comes from a grandfatherly nonagenarian gynecologist? Thankfully, you don't have to answer yes to either to enjoy this portrait of Mahinder Watsa, the 90-year-old retired doctor responsible for Mumbai's most widely read (and controversial) sex-advice column. Director Vaishali Sinha uses Watsa's story as a means

Hot Docs runs from Thursday to May 7 at various venues throughout the city. More information can be found at visit@hotdocs.ca or 416.203.2155, ext. 227.

Still Tomorrow

Though it tells a sadder story than many of the contenders here, Jian Fan's film profiles Xiahua Yu, a humble poet from rural China who achieved national prominence when one of her love poems went viral. Details from the writer's unhappy marriage and battle with cerebral palsy gradually emerge, as do further signs of Yu's resilience, optimism and sly intelligence.

Hobbyhorse Revolution



This endearingly odd Finnish film introduces viewers to a series of girls who've endured ridicule and bullying by peers due to their devotion to a pastime that's just beginning to emerge. Quite why these adolescents spend so much time trotting and prancing while clutching hobbyhorses is almost beside the point. What matters is the courage and determination they display.

Susanne Bartsch: On Top

Throwing fantastic parties is the forte of the woman at the centre of this American doc. A prime mover in New York's nightlife since the 1980s, Bartsch helped bring AIDS activism and advocacy into the fashion and club worlds, too. If that's not reason enough for you to see the film, it also has RuPaul.

Living the Game

A geeky successor to the likes of Wizard Mode and The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters, this Japanese entry proves that a videogame battle can be just as compelling as any other kind of contest. In this case, the arena of combat is the Street Fighter tournaments that have made Daigo Umehara a gamer celebrity. Yet the young man's ferocity versus his opponents belies the modesty and humility he displays in daily life.

Toronto DIGEST

TCH to close 400 homes
Toronto Community Housing, the largest social housing provider in Canada, is planning to close 400 homes next year because of a lack of repair money. Those closures, on top of 600 units to be boarded this year, would bring the total number of shuttered homes to 1,000 by the end of 2018.
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Interim community housing chief steps down
The interim chief executive officer of Toronto Community Housing has stepped down "for personal reasons," the chair of the organization's board said Tuesday. But Greg Spearn's departure from the top job at Canada's largest social housing provider was not voluntary and came as a surprise to staff, according to two sources who were not authorized to speak on the record.
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Muslim couple gets $12K
The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario has awarded $12,000 to a Muslim couple, who claimed their landlord failed to accommodate their prayer times and notify the wife when she was home alone before bringing in prospective new tenants for apartment viewings.
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Concern over rail deck park funding
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Funds raised after woman hurt in Asia

TRAVEL

Her medical bills were not covered by insurance

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Twenty-six-year-old Raquel Christensen thought she was covered when she planned a trip to Southeast Asia.

But over Easter weekend she was hit by a car while riding a motorbike scooter in Vietnam and landed in the hospital near the town of Da Nang.

The accident left her alone and unable to leave her hospital bed due to a pelvis broken in two places and a fractured spine.

To make matters worse, her travel insurance didn't cover a penny.

She and her family are left to pay all the medical costs, including airfare home on a special flight with a stretcher and

Raquel Christensen FACEBOOK

nurse, mom Heather Christensen told Metro.

"There are two buttons and she pressed the wrong one which only gives her the travel interruption side of it and not the medical side of it," said Christensen of her daughter's insurance policy.

"It's frustrating and annoying that it's not more clear but it ultimately was her fault," she said, adding her message to other travellers is to know exactly what they're getting when they purchase travel insurance.

A spokesperson for the insurance company, Allianz Global Assistance, said confidentiality prevents them from discussing the specifics of Raquel's case.

But following Metro's inquiries, Dan Keon said they are "reaching out to Ms. Christensen to determine how we can provide further assistance." He added customers are given high-level summaries of main benefits when they purchase policies.

Meanwhile friends, family and strangers have rallied around the Caledon native through a GoFundMe page to raise the $50,000 needed to pay for her medical bills and flight to a hospital closer to her parents in the GTA, scheduled for Tuesday. By press time the fundraiser had already raised over $27,645.

"People have just been phenomenally wonderful," said Christensen, of the "outpouring of kindness."

Raquel's friend Robert Prest, who's helped spread the word of the GoFundMe page, said he's been blown away by the reaction.

"It's not even people donating that we know, that's how far it's spread," he said. "It's sort of restored my faith in humanity."

ENGINEERING HANDY TECHNOLOGY Ryerson Biomedical Engineering students Jennifer Eshoua, left, and Danielle Ribeiro hold a 3D-printed prosthetic hand they helped to create for a patient at St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital on Monday. The prototype weighs one kilogram, has five articulating fingers, and is said to be durable and easy to use. The design costs less than $20 to fabricate. TEXT: GILBERT NGABO/METRO; PHOTO: EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Union calls out TTC over pollution

The TTC's largest union is demanding an emergency meeting with transit agency officials after researchers discovered elevated levels of pollution in the subway system. The leaders of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113, which represents 11,000 TTC workers, say they're concerned that employees are being exposed to potentially hazardous substances on the job.

They're also demanding to know why TTC management hadn't alerted workers to the issue sooner. Researchers collected the measurements in 2010 and 2011 with the TTC's co-operation, but the resulting study wasn't published until Tuesday. Kevin Morton, secretary-treasurer of Local 113, said the union didn't learn about it until it made the news.

"It begs the question, why am I finding out about this on the front page of the Toronto Star? Why didn't the TTC come and talk to us?" he said.

"How long have they known, what did they know, and what has the TTC done to protect the workers?"

The TTC says its own measurements have shown pollution levels are not above occupational exposure limits, and the agency is already taking steps to improve air quality. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Gift blossoms in the east

GENEROSITY

Torontonians donate 20 new Sakura trees to Woodbine Park

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

High Park's cherry blossoms have suffered from too many selfies, but some relief is on the way.

About 20 new Sakura trees will be planted at Woodbine Park in the east end in the coming weeks. The gift comes thanks to two Torontonians of Japanese descent, James Matsumoto and Chako Setoyama.

"Sakura is a symbol of peace and love," said Matsumoto, who added he wants to bring a "taste of Japan" and a new tourist spot to the city.

Since Toronto is a city where so many people from different places live together peacefully the Sakuras are a perfect fit, added his wife Setoyama.

Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon said "the goal is to create a mini "Sakura Namiki" or cherry blossom tree tunnel, similar to those in Toronto's sister city of Sagamihara, Japan.

"We're happy to shoulder the load with High Park and bring people east as well," she said.

Diana Teal, executive director of the High Park Nature Centre, said High Park's blossoms have been under siege from snap-happy Torontonians and tourists.

Teal said the crowds have increased "exponentially" over the last 10 years, and tens of thousands of people pass through the park during peak bloom in late April.

She links the explosion of interest to the rise of social media platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook, which broadcast the blooms to thousands.

"Everybody wants to get over there and get their pictures," she said.

The Disney World-like crowds have created traffic gridlock, overflowing garbage cans, and sometimes people climb trees and damage the limbs, said Teal.

Luckily, the first (small) Woodbine flowers are expected by next spring, said Toronto Parks and Recreation spokesperson Megan Price.

If you're having FOMO (fear of missing out), there's time to catch the blossoms next weekend, at High Park, the University of Toronto's Robarts Library or Trinity Bellwoods Park. But Price pleads with visitors not to take any branches home.

"Take a picture, put it on Instagram — it will have a bigger reach than your dining room anyway," she said.

Clara So gazes up at the High Park cherry blossoms Tuesday. Thanks to James Matsumoto and Chako Setoyama, there will be cherry blossoms in Woodbine Park, too. JUSTIN GREAVES/METROLAND

Toronto DIGEST

Taco Bell adding beer
Taco Bell's Canadian eateries will be adding beer to the menu for customers of legal drinking age, beginning with the company's flagship store on Queen West in Toronto.

The company has been serving alcohol at select "Cantina" restaurants in the U.S. since 2015.

"When it comes to dining experiences, we're not afraid to let millennials take the driver's seat, said Taco Bell Canada general manager Amanda Clark. ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO

Carly Rae teams with TSO
National treasure Carly Rae Jepsen is teaming up with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for a one-off gig at Roy Thomson Hall June 17 as part of the larger Canada 150 celebrations.

Best known for Call Me Maybe, she most recently released Emotion in 2015, followed up by a B-sides collection last year.

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‘It’s been a hard year’

As Fort McMurray residents struggle to rebuild, health strains start to emerge

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Melisa Leblanc says her daughter Abby has been sick constantly since the Fort Mac fire. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

It starts when she can no longer take a breath, followed by a stabbing pain in the left side of her chest — symptoms “so similar” to a heart attack, Sandra Legacy says.

“It has to be one of the scariest things that a human being can feel,” she says of the anxiety attacks that have come more often lately — and hit hard. “Because you feel like you’re dying.”

Legacy has fought anxiety for years, and won. But then came the hot, windy Tuesday afternoon last May, a day that started with the usual eight-minute drive to work and ended with a flight for her life.

Thanks to the security system installed in her Abasand home she knows her house started to burn at exactly 4:16 p.m. She still hasn’t deleted the alerts on her phone.

In the aftermath of the fire Legacy was diagnosed with PTSD and depression. She still hasn’t been able to go back to work.

“Sliding down that slippery slope into a very dark place, it’s hard to control. Not wanting to get out of bed, not wanting to get dressed or showered,” she says, sitting in the home she and her husband are renting while they rebuild. The tags still dangle from the couch she’s sitting on, and boxes of appliances fill the dining area.

“It’s been a really hard year, it’s been a struggle every single day.” She’s not alone.

Dr. Emmanuel Osegbue, a family physician who’s been practising in Fort McMurray for almost a decade, says demand for mental health services among his patients is up by about 25 per cent.

Many people are still dealing with the trauma of fleeing just ahead of an out-of-control fire, he says. A year later, Osegbue’s starting to see people who tried to stay strong, and are now having the symptoms of depression and anxiety catch up with them.

Others worry that the environment and air may be unhealthy for their children, and fear the wildfire has affected kids’ respiratory health.

When four-year-old Abby plays with her little brother Zander they have to be careful not to be too rough — that’s when the coughing starts.

“If she just plays a little bit or gets overheated, she’s just coughing all the time,” says her mother, Melisa Leblanc, as she keeps a close eye on her two youngest playing in the living room of their Fort McMurray home.

Ever since the family moved back to the city after the fire, Abby has been hit with a laundry list of illnesses her mom ticks off on her fingers: pneumonia, tonsillitis, strep, ear infections.

While she’d been sick before, it wasn’t like this, Leblanc said.

Alberta Health Services says the province monitors health concerns and has not seen in any spikes in respiratory complaints.

But Leblanc says she’s one of a number of Fort McMurray parents who worry about a lack of clarity around which buildings have been cleaned of fire damage, and how thoroughly, and what that means for the health of their kids.

Dr. Ghassan Al-Naami, a paediatrician who worked in Fort McMurray before moving to Edmonton in January, said he “definitely” saw more kids with respiratory issues after the fire and says more study is needed.

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LOONIE DROPS

U.S. duties hit the dollar

The Canadian dollar sank on news of U.S. duties on softwood lumber imports.

The loonie hit a 14-month low on Tuesday at 73.60 cents. "It's an absolute disaster for Canada," said Unifor president Jerry Dias, a union which represents 24,000 forestry workers at 134 companies.

A worker gets an order of planks ready for a client in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Softwood lumber casualties ahead

TRADE WAR

Ottawa admits U.S. move will mean jobs lost, promises action

The federal government is reaching out to reassure forestry workers, lumber producers and others facing the impact from a fresh softwood trade war that it stands ready to help cushion what it suggests will be a heavy blow.

The U.S. is imposing significant duties of up to 24 per cent on lumber imports — the latest flare-up in Canada's escalating trade skirmish with President Donald Trump's administration.

Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr acknowledged Tuesday that job losses are likely in the offing, saying Employment and Social Development Canada is standing by to provide essential services for anyone who is impacted.

Available ESDC supports include employment insurance, career counselling, retraining and provincial skills development programs, said Carr, noting Canada is no stranger to softwood disputes with the U.S., and has always prevailed in the past.

Trudeau, meanwhile, said earlier Tuesday that the Canada-U.S. relationship is bigger than any one trade irritant.

"We are tremendously interconnected in our economy with that of the United States, but it's not just a one-way relationship," Trudeau said during a visit to Kitchener, Ont. "There are millions of good U.S. jobs that depend on smooth flow of goods, services and people back and forth across our border."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dairy industry in Trump's sights

Fresh off slapping a duty on Canadian lumber, President Donald Trump is now making threats about dairy as the northern neighbour has suddenly, unexpectedly, become his No. 1 target for criticism lately on trade.

The president tweeted Tuesday: "Canada has made business for our dairy farmers in Wisconsin and other border states very difficult. We will not stand for this. Watch!"

That's what he wrote the morning after his government announced duties of up to 24 per cent on Canadian lumber..

Lumber and dairy are long-standing irritants. In softwood lumber, the countries have a once-a-decade cycle of tariffs, trade litigation, and ultimately settlements. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FOCUS ON FAMINE Update: Yemen

Donors pledge $1.1 billion in aid

International donors have pledged $1.1 billion for war-torn Yemen, the UN secretary-general said Tuesday, appealing to the fighting sides to grant access to humanitarians and revive diplomatic efforts to end a conflict that has killed over 10,000 civilians.

Antonio Guterres ended a daylong Yemen aid conference by hailing the "clear generosity and solidarity" of governments and civil society after two years of intensified conflict in the Arab world's poorest country.

The conference, co-sponsored by the United Nations, Switzerland and Sweden, raised pledges for over half of the $2.1 billion sought by the U.N. this year in an appeal that was only 15 per cent funded previously.

Aid groups want improved access to civilians, a halt to deadly airstrikes by a Saudi-led, U.S.-supported coalition that has been fighting Shiite rebels known as Houthis, and more respect for international law.

UN officials say the world's largest humanitarian crisis is in Yemen, where 17 million people are classified as food insecure, with seven million of those facing critical food shortages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A girl carries water on the outskirts of the Yemeni port city of Hodeidah. GETTY IMAGES

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JESSICA ALLEN ON LOVE IN THE TIME OF NETFLIX

From the gulf between German expressionism and Sex and the City 2 emerges Twin Peaks.

They say the leading cause of divorce, ahead of infidelity and financial issues, is "basic incompatibility."

Like not agreeing on what to watch on television.

For 12 years, my partner Simon and I have weathered this storm pretty well. There are TV series, like The Sopranos and Deadwood that we are always happy to revisit. There are new offerings, like Big Little Lies, and new seasons of familiar shows, like Girls and Broad City, to catch up on. And when in doubt, there's a list on the fridge of the top 100 films of the 21st century to go through. (We still have 39 to see.)

But recently, a tempest has been brewing. Last autumn, the shop Simon managed for more than a decade closed and, for the time being, he has comfortably settled into the role of homemaker. I come home from a hard day at work to the smell of a home-cooked meal, a clean house, the laundry folded, and am greeted with a cocktail. It's like Mad Men, only I'm Don Draper and he is Betty.

And Betty is being a real pain in my neck. Because his days are filled with domesticity, in the evenings he doesn't want to revisit Mad Men, a recent suggestion of mine. "Mad Men is really nothing more than John Hamm's face and period detail," he said. "And if I'm watching a period piece it's got to be set in Edwardian England, for the outfits."

Will film and television auteur David Lynch save Jessica Allen's relationship with his Twin Peaks revival? AP

He wants to watch things that might challenge and teach him something, because the idea of wasting time right now gives him huge amounts of anxiety.

Because my days are filled with trying to stay culturally and politically current, offering up opinions on everything from corporal punishment in American high schools to whether butter should be kept on the counter or in the fridge, I want to watch mind-numbing things.

One night we attempted to solve our indecision by watching different things in the same room. But it was too sad.

So on Sunday morning when I saw an ad for the new Twin Peaks coming out May 21, it was like a port in the storm. Here, I thought, is something that we will both want to watch. Only Simon wasn't interested: he doesn't want to risk tarnishing the original. He still hasn't gotten over the Gilmore Girls redux.

He wants to watch things that will better his brain, like a four-hour Andy Warhol documentary. He also discovered that a good chunk of the Criterion collection is available online, for free, with a library card. "What about some Fassbinder?" he asked, scrolling through the catalogue while dinner got cold.

"Oh I love him!" I said. "Is Prometheus on there?"

"Not Michael Fassbender. Rainer Werner *Fassbinder*, the German director."

Let me tell you, Effi Briest is no Sex and the City 2.

"It's the golden age of television!" I argued. "Can't we watch something *normal*?"

"I think the most exciting thing on TV is Matthew McConaughey in the Lincoln commercials," he said.

Thankfully, Simon changed his mind about Twin Peaks — but only after reading a David Lynch quote that it should be thought of as an 18-hour feature film.

And at least I know what we will be watching tonight. April 26 is both Channing Tatum and Marcus Aurelius' birthday. So Magic Mike, our modern-day Meditations on the economic disparity in America, it is — with no argument from Simon.

I didn't understand. But I didn't ask; when life sends you a pony, you get on it and ride.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Trudeau tone deaf on plea for pot charge amnesty

Vicky Mochama
Metro | Toronto

Justin Trudeau's relatability is wearing thin.

During an interview at Vice Media's Toronto office, he was asked by Malik, a young black man: "How am I going to become the next prime minister if I can't get a decent job because of (drug) charges?"

The current prime minister responded with an anecdote about his younger brother Michel being charged with pot possession and his dad (you may have heard of him: French guy, pirouettes, led the nation) using his connections to make the charge "go away."

"We were able to do that because we had resources, my dad had a couple connections, and we were confident that my little brother wasn't going to be saddled with a criminal record for life," Trudeau said.

The anecdote isn't new. He mentioned it while campaigning, and it is in his memoir. He uses it to underscore how access and wealth worked for his family in a way that it doesn't for black and Indigenous people in Canada.

What was new is that it lacked in his trademark (if occasionally cringe-worthy) empathy. Asked how the government's legalization plan would help someone who was young, black and scared, the prime minister told a story about being white and incredibly privileged.

This is in step with the tenor of the legislation itself. The government is not promising anything to those people who've found themselves on the wrong end of the War on Drugs. Though Trudeau did say he would "start a process" to "try and look" at how to make things fairer once the law is in place.

This legislation is being framed as an opening gambit in a more compassionate legalization plan. But only after the current legislation and negotiations have been worked out will there be any discussion of moratoriums, pardons or amnesties.

The new laws won't be in place until summer 2018. After that, the run-up to the next election will likely derail criminal justice reform.

No politician interested in keeping his motorcade would go into an election promising to let drug users off.

In 2019, the young people who campaigned for and elected this government are going to be asking what happened and they deserve the truth.

Being honest, the prime minister should have just answered as I would have: There's no law against stoners becoming prime minister. In fact, having smoked pot while serving as a member of Parliament, I'd like to think I have paved the way.

No one, I would say to young Malik, is too high for the highest office.

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Canadians are churning out much fancier fat options

Genna Buck
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A better butter

Bumping up the fat content in butter by just a little — to 84 per cent from the standard 80 — elevates ho-hum butter into something luxurious. Europeans know this...and now Canadians have caught on, too. ISTOCK

The U.S. president is not exactly over the moon about the Canadian dairy industry's system of price controls, production quotas and limited imports.

He has called Canada's rules a "complete and total disaster" and promised "very big changes" to the two countries' trading relationship.

For Canadian farmers trying to shield their industry from global market forces — not to mention those American, Australian and New Zealand milk producers who want to compete — this is a life-and-death issue. They have families to feed.

But consumers have mouths to feed too, preferably with premium butter. And this spat could have big implications for butter lovers.

Canadian butter, though tasty — it's butter, after all — is a commodity product. Nearly all of it is exactly 80 per cent fat, the mandated minimum, and it's made from cream that farmers pool together (there's a separate pool for organic dairy).

Bumping up the fat content just a little — to 82 or 84 per cent — elevates ho-hum butter into something luxurious. High-fat European butters contain significantly less water, resulting in flaky pastries, rich sauces and the most tasty toast.

But butter imports to Canada are capped at just over three tonnes per year. The fancy European butters available at a few farmers' markets and specialty stores are subject to high tariffs and, as a result, they're eye-wateringly expensive.

A few Canadian companies have stepped in to meet the demand for specialty butters — organic, grass fed and, yes, even a few with that magical extra fat.

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Butter imports to Canada are currently capped at a little over three tonnes per year.

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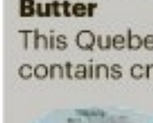

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Gossip DIGEST

TV

Grey's Anatomy star files for divorce

Grey's Anatomy star Jesse Williams has filed for divorce from wife Aryn Drake-Lee Williams after over four years of marriage, citing irreconcilable differences.

The 36-year-old Williams is asking for joint custody of the couple's two young children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ex-Bachelor star jailed after deadly Iowa crash

Chris Soules, an Iowa farmer who starred on The Bachelor two years ago, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of causing a deadly accident and leaving the scene.

Soules was behind the wheel of a pickup truck that rear-ended a tractor in northern Iowa on Monday night, the Iowa State Patrol said.

The crash sent the tractor into a ditch on one side of the road and Soules' truck into a ditch on the other side, the patrol said. The tractor driver was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Authorities didn't release the identity of the 911 caller. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Getting the word out

A Saskatchewan student competes in the first provincewide First Nations Spelling Bee. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO-HOT DOCS FESTIVAL

SASKATCHEWAN

Documentary follows First Nations kids at spelling bee

Lana Slezic has always been a good speller. Her eight-year-old son? Not so much.

It was in doing a little casual online hunting for help on the matter that Slezic came across the Spelling Bee of Canada.

"On a whim, I called Julie Spence, who's the founder, and we started to chat and in that conversation I said: 'Is there anything different about this year's competition?' And she said: 'Well, as it happens, this is the first time ever we're going to have a First Nations spelling bee'," Slezic recalled.

Ten days later, Slezic was on a plane to Saskatchewan.

"So it (the film) began with my son. Somebody was joking that I should give him an executive-producer credit."

The result, Bee Nation, will open Toronto's 24th annual Hot Docs festival on Thursday. The festival features 230 films from 58 countries, almost half of them by women filmmakers.

Bee Nation follows young people from several Saskatchewan reserves as they compete for the first time to be part of the national spelling-bee system.

Slezic is an award-winning photographer who lived and worked in places like Afghanistan, India and Turkey for almost a decade before turning her hand to filmmaking. Those experiences taught her not to make any assumptions about life on reserves, Slezic said.

"What I learned . . . is that you don't go in with any expectations and preconceived notions. I think it's dangerous and I think it taints your story before your story even begins. It's really important to go in with an open heart and an open mind, and understand that stereotypes are there and have been created but not by the people that they're actually about."

In fact, Slezic said she found a strong sense of community in all the reserves she visited, not the dysfunction and squalor most stories about First Nations people tend to focus on.

"That feeling of community on every reserve is so warm and exists on every single reserve that I was on and it's kind of paramount to the way they live.

"(One parent) said she doesn't worry about her kids because she knows that they're with a family member, and if not a family member a distant relative, because she's related to 95 per cent of the reserve. So if they're not family, they're friends. The kids grow up feeling that way, feeling part of a larger community outside of their own homes . . . more so than we do," Slezic added.

Slezic left it to educators in those communities to put forward names of young people to profile in the film, people like William, eight, who's been dancing at First Nations gatherings since he was three, and best friends Savannah and Josie.

Slezic said the success of the contest has educators like Pauline Favel from Saskatchewan hoping to expand it nationwide.

"When I spoke to Pauline, she was very passionate about the project . . . And I remember in that conversation her saying to me, 'Why not us? Why can't we be a part of this?' She asked that question and it's a very good question," Slezic said.

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REVIEW

GMC Acadia enters the mid-sized crossover segment

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Of all the new crossovers to hit the market in the last year, none has undergone more drastic changes than the 2017 GMC Acadia. Like its fraternal twins, the Buick Enclave and Chevrolet Traverse, the Acadia was always a bit of a bloated and awkward entry in the market. All that changes for 2017, with the Acadia downsized significantly to slot neatly into the mid-size segment.

This new Acadia offers very little that ties it to its predecessor. Measuring 4.9 metres from tip to tail, it's noticeably smaller than its competitors. The biggest return on the Acadia's downsizing is at the scales, with roughly 318 kg cut from its curb weight.

The smaller size allowed for the introduction of a new four-cylinder base engine. The 2.5-litre delivers punch when called upon. It's also the more efficient of the two engine options. For those in need of additional output, the Acadia returns with an available 3.6-litre V6. The engine serves plenty of power — especially for those looking to strap a trailer to the back. The Acadia is rated to tow 1,814 kg with the larger of the engines under the hood.

While front-wheel drive is standard on virtually all trim levels, it's likely most new Acadias will put power to all four. This new version of the Acadia offers two ways to do so. While a run-of-the-mill all-wheel-drive system is standard fare and features a disconnect feature to maximize fuel efficiency, the available All Terrain package adds a twin-clutch setup that features proper torque-vectoring capability.

The drivetrain system will feel familiar to anyone who has driven a GM crossover or SUV recently. Throttle response is smooth and sharp with the V6, while the suspension and steering setups are smooth and supple. Adaptive dampers are available on Acadia Denali models for increased road comfort, though not necessary.

Step inside and the Acadia can be served up six ways to Sunday ranging from affordable to overpriced. Base versions with the four-cylinder engine sending power to the front wheels start at $35,095, while the top-of-the-line Denali starts at $54,895. Adding options can quickly push the price above $58,000 — enough to cover the cost of a Cadillac XT5.

Regardless of which end of the price spectrum, the Acadia's interior features a fresh and modern layout and comes fairly well equipped. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are standard, as is a built-in 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot.

Despite its size, the 2017 GMC Acadia is still available with three rows of seating — though that doesn't mean anyone old enough to drive would want to occupy all three of them. Likewise, cargo room behind third row is almost not worth mentioning. From oversized to right-sized, the Acadia makes the most of its dimensions, fitting family life just fine.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 GMC ACADIA

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5-litre four-cylinder; 3.6L V6
Output: 193 horsepower, 188 pound-feet of torque; 310 hp, 271 lb-ft
Transmission: 8-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (l/100 km): 11 city, 9.2 highway; 13.3 city, 9.5 hwy (AWD)
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- Smaller dimensions
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- Cost climbs quickly
- Little cargo room behind third row

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Best way to *break in* a new engine

HOW TO

Rules for whether it's factory fresh or a rebuild

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New-vehicle buyers should read their owner's manuals because everything is "spelled out exactly what to do," said Siegrist. ISTOCK

So, you just bought a car, something showroom fresh with fewer kilometres on the odometer than a new pair of shoes. Naturally, you'll want to protect this investment. Properly breaking in the engine will do its part to help ensure a long and trouble-free life. But opinions differ on how this should be accomplished.

Some experts advocate a hard break-in. This includes a certain amount of heavy acceleration during the car's first few kilometres. The goal of this is to force piston rings against cylinder walls so these metal parts can seat before the bores' honing marks are worn away. Done properly, this supposedly results in an engine that produces more power and lasts longer.

But most others recommend taking it easy for a while, including many automakers.

Take it easy

According to Michael Siegrist, assistant chief engineer of the new 1.6-litre turbo diesel engine in the Chevy Cruze and the man in charge of all GM's passenger-car compression-ignition engines in North America: "Most of our vehicles ask that you do (an approximately 2,500 km) break-in."

This encompasses several things. "Don't drive a constant speed," said Siegrist; try to vary the engine's RPM frequently. He also added, "Don't go over 130 km/h," and "no full-throttle starts." It's also prudent to avoid exceeding 4,000 RPM.

The break-in period is a no-fun, burnout-free, racing-exempt zone. But your patience during those 2,500 km will be rewarded.

"What's really going on," explained Siegrist, "You have machined parts with sharp edges that during that break-in period, we're lapping in those sharp edges so that they fit perfectly for the life of the engine."

It's a similar situation with Toyota. For its Highlander crossover at least, the Japanese automaker recommends that customers avoid sudden stops or towing for up to the first 800 km.

Ready to Run

Suggested break-in procedures vary between manufacturers. David M. Goggin, marketing communications director at Cummins, a major manufacturer of diesel engines, said, "We have no special break-in procedures," a policy he estimates the company has had for a decade or more.

Goggin noted that with Cummins' current manufacturing capabilities, the tolerances they're able to hold, plus superior lubricants and better materials obviate the need for a break-in.

Another vehicle class where taking it easy might not be recommended is in the performance market. Mike Schropp, engine supervisor at Livernois Motorsports, a company that offers engineering services, vehicle performance products and more said, "Most of the engines we build here would be high performance and/or racing-style engines." Accordingly, "The break-in process is pretty critical."

What does Schropp recommend? Well, he advocates "medium load to medium-heavy load." This corresponds roughly to between 30 and 60 per cent throttle.

"There are people that... want a really hard break-in," he said, but extremely high loads and temperatures are not desirable.

Additionally, Schropp stressed the importance of avoiding extended idling, which can glaze cylinder walls, preventing the rings from properly seating. It's critical to vary engine speed right after a rebuild.

What About the Oil?

Livernois Motorsports puts special oil in all its rebuilt engines. Accordingly, Schropp recommends early oil changes to help flush any undesirable metallic bits out of an engine's vital circulatory system. A lot of that cruft is "going to get caught in the oil filter," he said, but still, "change it after the first thousand miles."

For factory-fresh vehicles, this usually isn't the case. "We manufacture all or our engines with the oil we want it broken in with," said Siegrist. He also noted that a more frequent lubrication service schedule is not necessary.

Still, you can never harm an engine by changing the oil too frequently. Early service, while probably wasteful of money, can only benefit vehicle longevity.

Another thing that could speed this process along is avoiding synthetic oil. Schropp recommends this since you need a certain amount of friction between moving parts for them to wear together properly. Man-made lubricants generally allow less of this than their mineral equivalents.

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Hydrogen-fueled big rigs hit the road

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All-electric autonomous

Volkswagen has revealed the I.D. Crozz, the latest in its line of electric concept cars. The Crozz offers the latest indication of what VW thinks will be possible with its MEB platform, though this one, says the automaker, is about as clear an indication of its intentions as there could be.

"If it was ever possible to make a one-hundred per cent certain prediction of what the future will look like, here it is," said VW's head of design, Klaus Bischoff, in a statement.

Thanks to I.D. Pilot, this concept is driverless. Smaller than the new European Tiguan, the I.D. Crozz has more than 300 horsepower and all-wheel drive. It can go up to 500 kilometres on a charge, and can recharge up to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

PROJECT

Zero emissions

Toyota is pushing into the future of trucking with Project Portal, a hydrogen fuel-cell system designed to power big rigs.

The concept, which uses only hydrogen for fuel and produces zero emissions, is destined for a feasibility study to help understand how fuel-cell power works with heavy loads. It will be put to work by the Port of Los Angeles for short, local hauling jobs.

Toyota says that truck makes 670 horsepower and 1,325 pound-feet of torque. A 12kWh battery is in charge of storing energy. Gross combined weight capacity for the truck is pegged at 80,000 lbs.

Toyota is also working to bring more hydrogen fuelling stations online to make it a more viable everyday option. STEPHEN ELMER/AUTOGUIDE.COM

COMPACT

Mercedes' new design direction

Mercedes-Benz all-new Concept A Sedan previews the design direction Mercedes is considering for all compacts.

"With its perfect proportions and a sensual treatment of surfaces with reduced lines, it... has the potential to introduce a new design era," said Gorden Wagener, chief design officer Daimler AG. The Concept A showcases the styling of a possible new compact premium sedan with the proportions of a dynamic coupe. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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CONCEPT

Audi's all-electric crossover

Audi has unveiled an all-electric crossover concept that previews a new model arriving in 2019. The Audi e-tron Sportback concept, which debuted at the Shanghai Auto Show, has 430 horsepower. Power is routed to all four wheels, with one electric motor over the front axle and two over the back axle — a configuration Audi says will make it to production.

Despite the performance, the e-tron Sportback is still able to go 500 kilometres on a charge. SEBASTIEN BELL/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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Volvo building in China

Volvo has plans to build its first electric vehicle in China, and export it globally. The Swedish automaker is owned by Chinese company Geely and China has become the world's largest sales market for electrified cars. Based on the company's Compact Modular Architecture for smaller cars, Volvo is also developing a fully electric car on its Scalable Product Architecture. The automaker is committed to selling one-million electrified cars by 2025 including hybrids and fully electric models with plans to offer plug-in hybrid versions of every model. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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Drake has been named host for the first-ever NBA awards show to be televised June 26 from New York

IN BRIEF

Pole vaulter Barber comes out with Facebook post

World champion pole vaulter Shawn Barber turned to social media Monday to announce that he's gay.

"Gay and proud!" Barber wrote in an early morning Facebook post.

The post was confirmed as legitimate by his agent, who said the 22-year-old Barber didn't want to speak further about it at this time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Earnhardt calling it quits at season's end

Dale Earnhardt Jr. abruptly announced his retirement at the end of the season Tuesday.

Colourful, candid and talented, Earnhardt has been plagued by concussions the last several years and he missed half of last season recovering from the latest head injury. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Blue Jay on power surge to begin season

Eric Thames is bashing his way into the Milwaukee Brewers' record book.

No adjustment period necessary for the bushy-bearded first baseman in his first season back in the majors after three years playing ball in South Korea.

With two more home runs on Monday against the Cincinnati Reds, Thames upped his major league-leading total to 10. He also tied a franchise record with his 10th homer in April. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game 6 curse looms large

RAPTORS LEAD SERIES 3-2

Toronto looks to buck trend of past failures

Serge Ibaka and the Raptors came out guns blazing against the Bucks on Monday night. History will be against them, however, on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It is a road well travelled by the Toronto Raptors, a long pock-marked journey through Indianapolis and Miami that started years and years ago in Brooklyn, and if they are not aware of the speed traps and potholes and dangerous twists and turns, well, shame on them.

Each time they have failed to negotiate the trip without metal-bending and glass-shattering accidents and given another opportunity in another city and another year, they vow to be more aware.

To use an old DeMar DeRozan metaphor, they figure they can travel in the comfort of a 2016 Lexus because they know what it's like to start up an old, beaten-up Buick Regal.

"If we don't understand it now, we're never going to understand it," was how DeMarre Carroll so correctly put it Tuesday afternoon.

Three times this group of Raptors has been presented with the opportunity to close out an NBA playoff series in six games with a road win. Three times they have failed.

Maybe you can understand them being a bunch of kids losing to a Brooklyn Nets team dotted with Hall-of-Famers in 2014, but the spit-up jobs they pulled in both Indiana and Miami last spring were shocking examples of not seizing the moment.

Not only did they lose to create the pressure of a Game 7, both times they were blown out, barely competitive in games that would have made things far easier for them in the long run.

So it's all well and good that they talk about Game 6 in Milwaukee on Thursday night as the time they finally make a stand and take care of business, but hearing the chatter and feeling dubious about it is only human nature.

It's almost at the point where the players are as tired saying it as people are weary of hearing it.

> **We have great fans, we get all excited after a win in the playoffs and we let our guards down after.**
> Dwane Casey

"It's something that is in our minds, going on the road and understanding how they may feel and we've got to go out there and really treat it like a Game 7," DeRozan said. "I hate to keep saying that over and over again but that is the only way we can treat it because that is how they are going to treat it."

It is in some way understandable that a team that's been so mercurial as this one, a team that plays its best when it's collective backs are against the wall, should ease off a bit when it appears most comfortable.

That's just a fight against human nature and this collective and one that's hard to break.

But know this: the Raptors do not want to face a group of young, talented kids playing a Game 7 with house money when the pressure will be on the Raptors like seldom before.

"I feel like last year it was all new to us," Carroll said of the Game 7s with the Pacers and Heat brought on by Game 6 failures. "This year, we know, and we've got a lot of guys who are back and who understand that we don't want to go to Game 7, we don't want that pressure. Especially with this Milwaukee team, who knows how they come out and play, so we've got to take care of them when we go to Milwaukee." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GAME BY GAME

Game 1
Bucks 97, Raptors 83
Game 2
Raptors 106, Bucks 100
Game 3
Bucks 104, Raptors 77
Game 4
Raptors 87, Bucks 76
Game 5
Raptors 118, Bucks 93
Game 6 in Milwaukee
Thursday, TBD
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Taste of playoffs a dangling carrot

NHL

Hunger to light up city informs Leafs' summer to-do lists

People used to say things were going to get better around the Maple Leafs only because they couldn't possibly get worse.

How things have changed.

The 2016-17 Leafs, with seven rookies, went toe-to-toe with the best regular-season team in the NHL in the first round of the playoffs. They had their season-ending interviews on Tuesday and left for the summer believing things will be even better next year.

Auston Matthews THE CANADIAN PRESS

"I'm excited for the future, what this team can be," said centre Auston Matthews.

"When you get a taste of the playoffs and look out at Maple Leaf Square with all the fans, it makes you more motivated. It makes you want to do it every year," said Leafs defenceman Morgan Rielly. "We expect ourselves to be better."

General manager Lou Lamoriello was light on specifics, but didn't try to hide the team's deficiencies on defence. He did put the onus on the players to continue their development over the summer while he looks for ways to shore up the team's weaknesses through trades and free-agent signings.

"Each and every one of our players has to do what's necessary for them to be better next year," said Lamoriello. "Then it's our job to fill in the areas where we feel we have to add. Getting better within is more important.

"It's obvious, certain areas we need (help). You do whatever you can to get better, but you don't do things for the sake of doing things."

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in 12 minutes
Prep time: 6 minutes
Cook time: 6 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 4 slices of sourdough or wholegrain bread
- 2 tsp garlic butter
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 4 basil leaves, torn into small pieces
- 2 slices mozzerella cheese
- 2 slices fontina cheese
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Directions

1. Preheat a skillet over medium heat with a drizzle of olive oil.

2. Butter one side of each slice of bread. Place pieces of bread butter side down on a clean surface or cutting board.

3. In a small bowl, mix ricotta with basil pieces. Spread one slice of bread with about a tablespoon of ricotta. Place one slice of mozzarella on ricotta cheese.

4. Lay a slice of fontina on other slice of bread. Close sandwich and place in skillet.

5. Grill until lightly browned and then flip over; continue grilling until cheese is melted and gooey.

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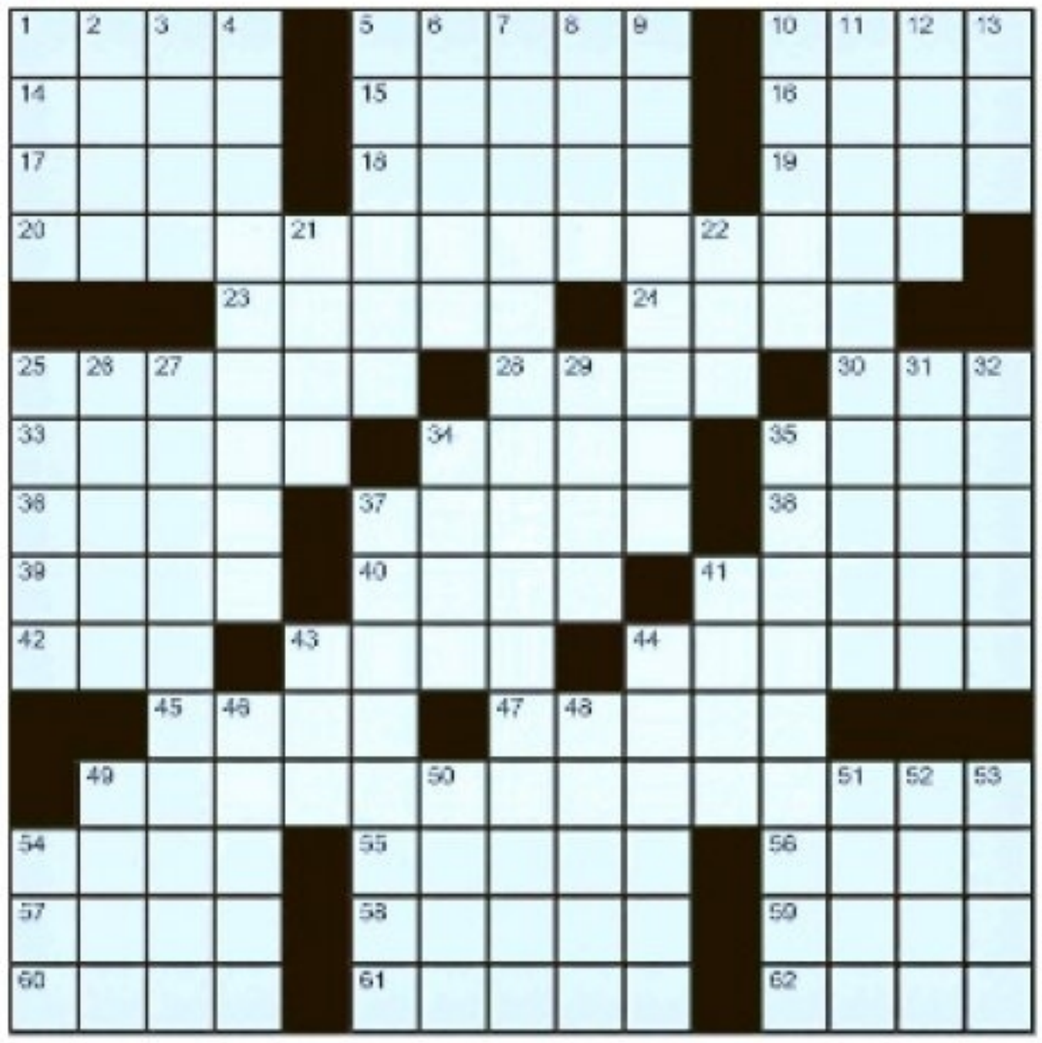

ACROSS
1. Dapper shoe covering
5. James T. Kirk, et al.
10. Fast web connections
14. Fantastic!, for short
15. Martin's first wife in Sinclair Lewis' 1925 novel Arrowsmith
16. Dueling sword
17. 'Diet' suffix
18. Toy company
19. "I'm Yours" singer Jason
20. 1969 Guess Who album featuring the classic "These Eyes": 2 wds.
23. Remote, when used to lower volume
24. Financial-related, briefly
25. Army academy attendees
28. Andy Capp's wife's
30. Mesozoic _
33. Whiskers
34. Plaintiff
35. UK honours, commonly
36. Astronomy bear
37. Worked with hay
38. It means 'Seven'
39. Rock's 'rug'
40. _ deer
41. Last word in #11-Down's answer ...en francais
42. _-Cone (Toy-made treat)
43. Gladiator's 141
44. Boonies seats area: 2 wds.
45. Caveman's weapon
47. Grammy Awards org.
49. Toronto and Vancouver are two in Canada aka 'Hollywood North': 2 wds.
54. "Bye!"
55. Ms. Shaye Smith (Pierce Brosnan's wife)
56. Nautically hoisted
57. Bohemian
58. #6-Down's variant spelling
59. Ear-related
60. Origin
61. One sending a ship distress signal, say
62. When new calendars come out, for short

DOWN
1. Duck variety
2. Toronto's underground shopping network
3. Singer/songwriter, India._
4. New anchors look into them: 2 wds.
5. Montgomery of "The Heiress" (1949), and surnamesakes
6. Hawk's nest
7. Celine Dion, and others who can belt out tunes like she can: 2 wds.
8. Set of three, in literature, wee-ly
9. Standard Time: Scottish-born Canadian, Sir _ Fleming (b.1827 - d.1915)
10. Garage band's CDs
11. Evergreen drink: 2 wds.
12. Sharon of "Boston Public"
13. Speaks, slang-style
21. "Tsk!" and "Tsk!"
22. "_-boom-bah!"
25. Pals
26. Mr. Eckhart
27. Separate
29. Soup vegetable
31. Artwork like the original, informally
32. In _ _ (Brooding)
34. "Better Call _" ("Breaking Bad" spin-off)
35. Nabisco cookies brand!: 2 wds.
37. Transports in a 'dirt' race, commonly: 2 wds.
41. "Back in the U.S.S.R." flyer
43. Magna _ laude
44. Movie star Verne
46. Architect, Frank _ Wright
48. "Kate & _" ('80s sitcom)
49. Campsite warmer
50. Single-named singer
51. Tolkien's li'l masterpiece
52. Super mean
53. US _, of State
54. '_' _ in Calgary

✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today's New Moon creates the perfect day for thinking about your earnings and how well you handle your finances. Do you take care of what you own?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place today. Take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself how you can improve your appearance. Try it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might prefer to hide from others today, because you need some R & R and privacy. It's important to respect your needs.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A conversation with a female acquaintance will be intense today. You will discover whether you share the same goals.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are high-viz today. People notice you, especially people in power. Keep this in mind so you can create a good impression.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today you want to do something different! You want to experience more of life. You want adventure and a chance to travel. (Go somewhere you've never been before.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are a people-pleaser. However, it's important to know that the most important person to please is yourself. Once you respect your own needs, it's easier to respect the needs of others.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This might be the best day of the year to ask yourself what you can do to improve your closest relationships.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What can you do to improve your health? And what can you do to improve your job or the way you do your work? These are the things to ponder today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look for ways to be playful or to express your creative side. As children, we easily do this, and too soon we forget.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A discussion with a parent or an authority figure will be important today. What can you do to improve your home and your family relationships?

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Good communication involves careful listening. This is a good day to ponder your style of communicating with others and whether you are as clear as you can be.

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